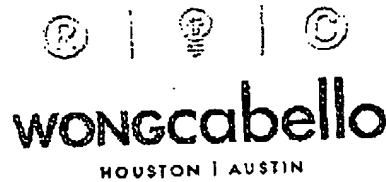


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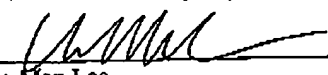
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 11, 2005. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of amendments and arguments in the present response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due or to credit any overcharges to Deposit Account 50-1922.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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